



DANVERS

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of Danvers is in southern Essex County, one of the earliest settlements in the area. Colonists had moved into the area as early as 1630, when Salem began allocating land grants and a village was authorized in what is now modern Danvers as early as 1636. Governor John Endicott was one of the first settlers in the town and established Orchard Farm, a very large land holding for its day, with 300 to 400 acres. The town's location, proximity to Salem and easy access to roads north and south have transformed it from a small colonial farming community to a vigorous suburban municipality which is proud of its municipal services and school system.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Salem on the southeast, Wenham and Beverly on the east, Topsfield on the north, Middleton on the west, and Peabody on the south. Danvers is 10 miles north of Lynn, 15 miles southeast of Lawrence, 17 miles north of Boston, and 231 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 14.09 sq. miles

Land Area: 13.28 sq. miles

Population: 24,174

Density: 1,820 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Salem, Reading

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 777-0001

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1757

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	14,595		
Democrats	3,587	24.6	%
Republicans	2,307	15.8	%
Other parties	8	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	8,693	59.6	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Danvers town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	25,212	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	25,212	100.0
Male.....	11,721	46.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	210	0.8
Female.....	13,491	53.5	Mexican.....	34	0.1
Under 5 years.....	1,391	5.5	Puerto Rican.....	43	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	1,666	6.6	Cuban.....	13	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,763	7.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	120	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	1,529	6.1	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	25,002	99.2
20 to 24 years.....	1,097	4.4	White alone.....	24,498	97.2
25 to 34 years.....	2,782	11.0	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	4,466	17.7	Total population.....	25,212	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	3,715	14.7	In households.....	24,191	96.0
55 to 59 years.....	1,384	5.5	Householder.....	9,555	37.9
60 to 64 years.....	1,088	4.3	Spouse.....	5,371	21.3
65 to 74 years.....	2,168	8.6	Child.....	7,441	29.5
75 to 84 years.....	1,545	6.1	Own child under 18 years.....	5,449	21.6
85 years and over.....	618	2.5	Other relatives.....	1,004	4.0
Median age (years).....	40.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	317	1.3
18 years and over.....	19,370	76.8	Nonrelatives.....	820	3.3
Male.....	8,852	35.1	Unmarried partner.....	377	1.5
Female.....	10,518	41.7	In group quarters.....	1,021	4.0
21 years and over.....	18,607	73.8	Institutionalized population.....	732	2.9
62 years and over.....	4,972	19.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	289	1.1
65 years and over.....	4,331	17.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,694	6.7	Total households.....	9,555	100.0
Female.....	2,637	10.5	Family households (families).....	6,562	68.7
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,956	30.9
One race.....	25,090	99.5	Married-couple family.....	5,371	56.2
White.....	24,638	97.7	With own children under 18 years.....	2,426	25.4
Black or African American.....	87	0.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	902	9.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	25	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	422	4.4
Asian.....	281	1.1	Nonfamily households.....	2,993	31.3
Asian Indian.....	75	0.3	Householder living alone.....	2,537	26.6
Chinese.....	77	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,031	10.8
Filipino.....	11	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	3,168	33.2
Japanese.....	23	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,744	28.7
Korean.....	38	0.2	Average household size.....	2.53	(X)
Vietnamese.....	32	0.1	Average family size.....	3.11	(X)
Other Asian ¹	25	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	9,762	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	9,555	97.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	207	2.1
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	2	-	occasional use.....	50	0.5
Some other race.....	55	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	122	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.3	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	9,555	100.0
White.....	24,744	98.1	Owner-occupied housing units.....	7,371	77.1
Black or African American.....	128	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	2,184	22.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	55	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.72	(X)
Asian.....	309	1.2	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.91	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	7	-			
Some other race.....	98	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 199

Conventional Federal: 76

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 2

Federal (Section 8): 145



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Danvers is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 1, State Routes 62, 114, and 128, and Interstate Route 95.

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from the neighboring towns of Salem and Beverly. Travel time from North Beverly: 42-44 min., 82 MBTA parking spaces; from Beverly Depot: 30-37 min., 200 MBTA spaces; from Salem Center: 25-34 min., 340 spaces. Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (978) 663-1073

Bus

Danvers is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which provides fixed route service to neighboring communities. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Beverly Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility in neighboring Beverly, has 3 asphalt runways 3,500'; 4,634'; and 5,001' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Danvers Archival Center

15 Sylvan Street

(978) 774-0554

Danvers Historical Society

13 Page Street

(978) 777-1666

Rebecca Nurse Homestead

149 Pine Street

(978) 774-8799

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Cedar Glen Nursing Home
Danvers Twin Oaks Nursing Home
Greenery Ext Care C.@ Danvers
Heritage House Nursing Home
Hunt Nursing & Retirement Home
No. Shore Rehab Skld Nursing Center

Hospices

Hospice Of The N. Shore Colla

Rest Homes

New England Home For The Deaf

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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